(d) whether any private investment is sought in this project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (e) The Ministry has prepared a draft policy on setting up of Information Technology Investment Regions (ITIRs), which would be endowed with excellent infrastructure and investor friendly policy environment.

No final view on the policy has yet been taken.

It is envisaged that the State Governments may propose the locations of any ITIRs. At this stage, this Ministry has not identified places for setting up of Integrated Townships in the country.

While this Ministry has not identified places for ITIRs in the State of Andhra Pradesh, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had separately requested, in November 1, 2005, to announce Hyderabad as the location of proposed Mega Fab City.

Coverage area under mobile network service extension in Bihar

†2482. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cities, blocks and villages covered by mobile network service extension under Bihar division of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(b) the details of pending applications of those consumers who are interested in mobile connections and the target fixed for disposal of these applications, district-wise; and

(c) the details of plan for covering the total population of Bihar by mobile service during the Eleventh Five Year Plan and the details of necessary steps being taken for this and the total amount likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, BSNL has covered 470 cities, 319 Block Headquarters and 10340 villages by its Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM) based mobile network in Bihar State as on 31st July 2007.

(b) Presently, there is no waiting for BSNL GSM mobile connection in Bihar State.

(c) BSNL has planned a capacity addition of 33,17,000 GSM lines progressively during Eleventh Five Year Plan to cover most of the population of Bihar State with a total expenditure of approx. Rs. l381.32 crores. An Advance Purchase Order (APO) has already been placed for capacity addition.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.